

AIRE AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are now being accepted for the AVAPCD=s third annual awards for Achievement in Reducing Emissions (AIRE). The AIRE Awards recognize outstanding contributions towards the reduction and/or prevention of air pollution emissions within the Antelope Valley.

Eligible candidates include local businesses, industries, schools, agencies, organizations and individuals who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution reduction and/or prevention programs or projects. To be eligible for the award, a project must have been implemented between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001.

Additionally, nominated projects must be located within the AVAPCD=s jurisdictional boundaries, and nominated individuals must reside within the District. Candidates may either be self-nominated, or nominated by a second party.

According to AVAPCD=s Air Pollution Control Officer Chuck Fryxell, AThe AIRE Awards were established as a means of recognizing local businesses and individuals who go the extra mile for cleaner air.@ He adds that Aby recognizing entities which go above and beyond regulatory requirements, we hope to inspire others to implement innovative and effective methods of protecting air quality.@"

Last year, two local entities were awarded the AVAPCD=s highest honor. The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) was recognized for its ABicycle Racks on Buses@ program. Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Palmdale, was recognized for the development of an innovative integrated chemical management system designed to automate and ensure precise chemical activity record keeping.

Nominations must be postmarked or received by Monday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. To receive a Nomination Packet, or for more information, call (661) 723-8070 or (760) 245-1661 ext. 6104.